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1. WELCOME REFTEL SUGGESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION AT COM CONFERENCE.

SUGGEST RE "ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE: AFRICAN NEEDS VERSUS OUR
RESOURCE LIMITATIONS" THAT WE ADD WORDS "AND CONGRESSIORL"
BEFORE LIMITATIONS. CONGRESSIONAL MANDATES HAVE LIMITED
SCOPE OF OUR DNFORTS INFACE OF CRITICAL AFRICAN NEEDS AND
HAVE COINCIDENTLY OF N LIMITED U.S. COMMERCIAL PARTICIPATION
IN PROJECTS AND EXPORT ENCOURAGEMENT.

2. SUGGEST TOPIC, U.S./AFRICAN TRADE: PROSPECTS ARE FOR
MORE PROTECTIVE TRADE POLICIES IN INDUSTRIAL NATIONS,
GREATER UNEMPLOYMENT, MORE ENDANGERED INDUSTRIAL SECTORS.
OUTLOOK FOR AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT IS GRIM. HOW DO WE ADDRESS
PRODKEM OF U.S./AFRICA TRADE BALANCE? 965) \$9 23 8,:43- 3
7.S. SHARE OF AFRICAN MARKET? INTER-SECTIONAL OR INTRA-
SECTIONAL, I.E., DOES INCREASING AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT
MEAN LOSS OF U.S. JOBS OR INCREASE IN U.S. MARKETS.

3. SUGGEST AS REGIONAL TOPIC FOR WEST AFRICA U.S.
ASSISTANCE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND PROTECTION OF DEEP SEA
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FISHERIES: DESPITE THE FACT THAT FISHING IS IMPORTANT
AS A SOURCE OF A) INEXPENSIVE AND ABUNDANT PROTEIN, B)
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EMPLOYMENT, AND C) EXPORT EARNINGS,
REPEATED REQUESTS FROM DEVELOPING NATIONS FORHO.S.
ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING FISHING METHODS, PROVIDING PRO-
CESSING FACILITIES, TRAINING AND PATROLLING CAPACITY
HAVE BEEN IGNORED OR REJECTED. THUS A NUMBER OF AFRICAN

NATIONS HAVE TURNED TO THE SOVIETS. GENERALLY SOVIET ASSISTANCE GIVES THE SOVIETS UNLIMITED FISHING GPIGHTS IN EXCHANGE FOR PERMISSION TO PURCHASE A PORTION OF THEIR CATCH, AND THE PROVISION OF TRAINING AND/OR SERVICES. IN RETURN THE SOVIETS DEIHETE THE NATIONS" FISHERIES BY UNDER-LJEPORING THE CATCH AND EMPLOYING ILLEGAL METHODS. THE LONG TERM CONSEQUENCES ARE POTENTIALLY DISASTEROUS AS A VITAL PROTEIN SOURCE IS DEPLETED AND TRADITIONAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES LOST.

4. SUGGEST TOPIC, AID OPERATIONS IN AFRICA: CAN THESE BE STREAMLINED? CAN WE GET ACTION INSTEAD OF WORDS?

5. RECOMMEND, AS DEPARTMENT HAS MOST LIKELY ALREADY DECIDED, AS MUCH CONGRESSIONAL PARTICIPATION AS POSSIBLE. WITH WASHINGTON VENUE FOR COM CONFERENCE SPECIAL AND WELCOME OPPORTUNITY EXISTS FOR INTERCHANGE OF INFORMATION VIA SEMINARS,PANELS AND MEETINGS WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HILL. BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE ESPECIALLY USEDUL FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAVE PUSHED CONGRESSIONAL MANDATE LIMITATIONS OR WHO ARE CRITICS OF OUR EFFORTS IN AFRICA. LINEHAN

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